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Application No. 10/711,701)	Group Art Unit: 2178
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Temporary Portlet Deactivation)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A portal page, comprising:

a plurality of portlets;

a deactivation feature associated with at least one of the plurality of portlets to deactivate the portlet to preserve a selected content of the at least one portlet; and

a reactivation feature formed in the portal in response to the at least one portlet being deactivated; and

an electronic pane or window overlaying the at least one portlet to block all inputs of the at least one portlet while the at least one portlet is deactivated,

wherein the deactivated portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

20. – 21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The portal page of claim 19, further comprising another portlet similar to the at least one portlet being launched in response to a request that calls for use of the at least one portlet, if the at least one portlet is deactivated and a singleton portlet.

23. - 26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A system to control operation of a portlet, comprising:

a portal server; and

a portlet deactivation/reactivation feature operable on the portal server,

wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means to deactivate a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature, means to reactivate a deactivated portlet in response to operating a reactivation feature, and means for launching a new portlet similar to a deactivated portlet in response to the portal server receiving a request that calls for use of the deactivated portlet if the deactivated portlet is a singleton, and

wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for freezing a portlet content in a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

31. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for disabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

32. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means to reconfigure the portal server to ensure that a portlet content of a selected portlet cannot be affected while the selected portlet is deactivated.

33. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for detecting a state of a portlet.

34. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for replacing a content of a

deactivated portlet with a frozen content in response to the portal server detecting a deactivated state of the deactivated portlet.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for preventing the portlet from being affected by refreshes across the portal page.

37. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for selectively toggling the portlet to change the portlet's ability to be targeted by a portal click-to-action feature.

38. – 48. (Canceled)

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 19, 27, 30-34, 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0061482 (Emmerichs) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0130900 (Davis). Further, claims 21, 22 and 35 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claim 21 and 35 without disclaimer and amended claims 19 and 27 to further clarify the invention. Claims 19, 22, 27, 30-34, 36 and 37 remain pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 21, 22 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has made the appropriate amendments, therefore, putting this application in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 19, 27, 30-34, 36 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmerichs in view of Davis. Regarding claims 19 and 27, Applicant has amended these claims with claims 21 and 35, respectively, deemed allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable over the cited references at least for these reasons.

Regarding claims 22, 30-34, 36 and 37, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 19 and 27 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 19, 22,

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27, 30-34, 36 and 37 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion

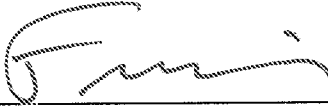
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 19, 22, 27, 30-34, 36 and 37 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or anticipates finally rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

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